

REMARKS

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, Applicants respectfully requests entry of the amendments and following remarks into the file history of the application.

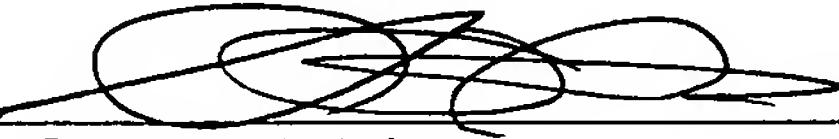
The specification has been amended to include a reference to related applications.

Claims 1 to 68 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve their rights to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in continuing and or divisional applications, as appropriate. New claims 69 to 101 have been added. Applicants submits that these claims are clearly supported by the specification and claims of the PCT application as filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the requisite fees, or any fees in connection with this application during its entire pendency, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

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